

**W** THE 13TH ANNUAL  
**ashington Clinical  
Laboratory Conference**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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Registration forms must be postmarked by **October 6**.  
Please make check payable to the **Washington State  
Department of Health**. Mail registration forms to:

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***“Trends & Strategies  
for 2007”***

November 13, 2006  
Doubletree Hotel at  
SeaTac International Airport  
Seattle, WA

co-sponsored by ASCLS - WA

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee of \$95.00 includes attendance at the conference, a continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks. Advance registrations must be postmarked by **October 6, 2006**. On-site registrations will be accepted the morning of the conference, but will not include lunch. Full payment must accompany all registrations. Those registrations received without full payment will be held and the registrant notified. Due to hotel and session expense obligations, no refunds are permitted.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel at SeaTac International Airport at a special conference rate of \$134.00 per night plus tax if reservations are made by **October 13**. For reservations, call (206) 246-8600. Be sure to mention “Washington State Department of Health” to qualify for the special rate. The Doubletree Hotel operates a shuttle service from SeaTac International Airport.

## LOCATION

The Doubletree Hotel is located at 18740 International Boulevard. From I-5, take exit #152 to 188th Street. The hotel is located 1 mile West of I-5 on the corner of 188th and Pacific Highway South (International Boulevard). The Conference will be held in the Grand Ballroom-1. Please contact Leonard Kargacin (206) 418-5416 if you have any special assistance needs.

**PARKING RATE:** The Hotel parking rate for Conference attendees is **\$6.00** per car, per day (mention that you are attending an all-day conference).

## AGENDA

7:45 - 8:15	Registration
8:15 - 8:30	Opening Remarks Romesh Gautom, PhD Director, Washington State Public Health Laboratories
8:30 - 10:00	Keynote Address “ <i>Political &amp; Regulatory Climate for the Laboratory Sector:Key Trends &amp; Strategic Implications</i> ” Dennis Weissman
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	“ <i>Estimated GFR and the Early Detection of Chronic Kidney Disease</i> ” Thomas Allerdig, MD
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	“ <i>Improving the Utilization of Laboratory Tests Using Carrots and Sticks</i> ” Mike Astion, MD, PhD
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 4:15	“ <i>Influenza - Seasonal, Avian and Pandemic</i> ” Marcia Goldoft, MD Romesh Gautom, PhD
4:15 - 4:30	Conference Wrap-up

P.A.C.E. continuing education credits through the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science will be available for the Conference. ASCLS-WA is a co-sponsor of the seminar.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Dennis Weissman**, President of Dennis Weissman & Associates, LLC and Founder and Executive Editor of G-2 Reports, will provide the conference opening keynote address. This presentation examines the 2006 mid-term congressional election and discusses how the results will shape the national political and policy environment in 2007 and what this portends for the laboratory sector. The speaker will analyze the most critical Medicare reimbursement, legislative and compliance developments and policy initiatives at the federal level and describe how they will likely impact on lab operations and financial performance. Specifically, the session will assess the outlook for future CLIA policy changes in light of the GAO CLIA audit, implementation of a Medicare competitive bidding pilot project for lab services in 2007, and the leading compliance challenges for labs in the year ahead.

**Thomas Allerdig, MD**, is the Medical Director of Sacred Heart Medical Center Laboratory and Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories in Spokane. This presentation will cover the growing problem of Chronic Kidney Disease and the rationale for screening and early detection. The methods of estimating the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) from serum creatine will be reviewed, along with efforts to standardize creatinine assays. Finally, the recommendations of the National Kidney Disease Education Project will be discussed.

**Michael Astion, MD, PhD**, is an Associate Professor at the University of Washington Department of Laboratory Medicine in Seattle. Physicians and other care providers misutilize the laboratory in a number of ways. This session focuses on why care providers often order too many tests and how laboratories can help them alleviate this problem.

**Marcia Goldoft, MD**, Medical Epidemiologist with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), and **Romesh Gautom, PhD**, Director of the DOH Public Health Laboratories in Seattle, will present a session on influenza. This presentation will provide background information on influenza including clinical findings, epidemiology, and laboratory testing. There will be a discussion of current influenza strains in circulation and their sources, with implications for potential human pandemics.